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PRAYER FOR MAY:

Dear Lord: Please grant us patience, tolerance, restraint and understanding. Help us all to refrain from criticising and complaining about the faults of others; help us to be tolerant of the weaknesses and shortcomings of our coworkers. Grant us patience, Lord, and help us to work together in unity. Help us to strive for new goals as we try to enrich the lives of others. Teach us, above all, to be KIND. Amen. E.H.L.

EDITORIAL:

Petty jealousies, personal prejudices, and private "feuds" have no place in an organization dedicated to aiding the handicapped. We must never lose sight of the real purpose for our existence. Personal ambitions should not play a part when we are working to achieve greater goals for these deaf children. Even 'tho we cannot control our innermost thoughts, we can refrain from speaking them aloud. Like the ripples from a pebble thrown into a pond, such spoken remarks spread and grow. Someone may be hurt. E.H.L.

MAY MEETINGS:

The Executive Boards (outgoing and incoming) of the Auxiliary met on Monday A.M. in the home of Mrs. Geo. Loehr, the President. Coffee was served. Plans for the coming year were discussed. New Chairmen were welcomed and this past year's accomplishments reviewed.

The dates for the Fall Fashion show and the Snowflake Ball were noted. NOV. 1st for the Fashion Show and a luncheon at Pier 66, and Dec. 3rd for the Snowflake Ball, also at Pier 66. Chairman for the Fashion Show will be Mrs. Scuba Harris; Co-chairmen: Mrs. Ivan Bender and Mrs. Clarence Fines. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cooper will again chairmen the Ball. The President thanked all of the members of her Board for their wonderful cooperation in making this a very successful year. She also stated her gratitude to those who are continuing on next year, either in the same job or a different one. Announcements were made of some of the new appointed chairmen. They will appear in the next Bulletin.

General membership meeting will be Monday, May 24, at The Bridge Restaurant at noon. Speaker: Miss Florence Ras. Installation of Officers.

MEMORIAL:

We were all saddened by the recent death of Mr. Allen Sherman. Notes, letters and cards of sympathy have been sent to Irene, his wife who has served so faithfully for so long on the Auxiliary Board. Because Allen shared this interest and had been extremely generous in his contributions, a Memorial Fund has been set up in his name. Anyone wishing to contribute to this Fund may send checks to Mrs. George Loehr, 408 Isle of Palms, made out to Oral School Auxiliary.

Contributed by Mr. George Gore, Chairman of the Oral School Board of Directors.

"FROM A SMALL ACORN, A TALL TREE HAS GROWN."

Early in 1958 Miss Mary Kay Van Wyk returned to town with an idea and hope that it could be done. That idea.....to establish a school for the hard of hearing and deaf child in her home town of Fort Lauderdale.....a school to teach such children to actually speak.

As parents of a small deaf son, we immediately became interested and offered full help and encouragement. That was needed but not much help as she, having previously directed such a school in a Texas community, was truly an expert. What she needed most was contacts with parents of deaf children.

As a result of that busy summer, The Fort Lauderdale Oral School opened its doors the following September. Its location, 930 S.E. 9th Street in the home of her parents which they sold to the fledging school at bargain terms. Its staff consisted of two teachers, one house mother, a part-time secretary, and a maid-cook. Its students were sixteen in number and came from the local area and from various states of the Union. All eagerly began that first year with a determination that knew no bounds and succeed they did! From those lowly beginnings the present school has grown in twelve short years.....from one building on a small lot

to a million dollar campus on five sprawling acres. The staff, also, has grown to keep pace.

But what about the students?

Long since graduated, they have entered into the main stream of life; some into the business world, some into the university campus; and the others, marriage.....and all, a credit to Mary Kay Van Wyk, whose courage, hope and determination made it all possible.

Though she is no longer among the living, she will never be forgotten by us.....the parents of those first sixteen.

A grateful parent,

GEORGE H. GORE.

A complete list of all of our new members will be included in our extra June Bulletin. However, at this time, we extend to each and every one of them a very cordial welcome and we trust that they will derive pleasure and great satisfaction from their membership in our Auxiliary.

Elected Officers 1970-'71

President	Mrs. George R. Loehr
1st Vice President	Mrs. Oliver Arnold
2nd Vice President	Mrs. Joseph R. Wilson
3rd Vice President	Mrs. Charles Cooper
4th Vice President	Mrs. George H. Gore
Treasurer	Mrs. Warren Roberts
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Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Joseph R. Grady

Appointed Committee Officers

Chaplain	Mrs. Albert M. Friedman
Hospitality and Program	Mrs. Charles Schwarm
Historian	Mrs. Eugene Ahearn
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	Mrs. Joseph Grady
	Mrs. George Loehr
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Budget Committee	Mrs. Allen Sherman
	Mrs. Charles Cooper
	Mrs. Warren Roberts

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